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SUBJECT: MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE: PROPOSED MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE

REF: A. USNATO 6682; B. STATE 257624

1. FRG REPS AT NATO HAVE EXPRESSED DIFFICULTY IN ACCEPTING US PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE FOR PARAGRAPH 12 OF DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE (REF A). FRG REPS BELIEVE THAT FIRST FEW SENTENCES WOULD CREATE PUBLIC MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO WHETHER " NEW LONG RANGE DEFENSE CONCEPT" IS A NEW STRATEGIC CONCEPT. MISSION HAS DRAFTED SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE WHICH FRG REP FEELS BONN WOULD ACCEPT (REF A, FIRST BRACKETED PARA 12 THROUGH " MAINTAINED" ON LINE 12). ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON APPROVAL BY BRUSSELS OOB DECEMBER 4.

BEGIN TEXT:

12. MINISTERS THEN TURNED THEIR ATTENTION TO THE GUIDANCE THAT THEY WILL GIVE NEXT SPRING TO PROVIDE POLICY DIRECTION FOR DEFENSE PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN NATO FOR THE PERIOD UP TO 1982. MINISTERS REVIEWED EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO ACHIEVE GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THE USE OF FORCES, RATIONALIZATION OF ALLIED DEFENSE EFFORTS THROUGH NEW COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, AND INCREASED STANDARDIZATION OF EQUIPMENT. MINISTERS DECIDED THAT THE NEW
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MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE SHOULD INCLUDE A LONG RANGE DEFENSE CONCEPT DESIGNED TO TIE TOGETHER THESE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NATO STRATEGY OF FLEXIBLE RESPONSE AND FORWARD DEFENSE. THEY AGREED THAT THE ALLIANCE

SHOULD DESIGN SUCH A LONG RANGE PLANNING CONCEPT TO ENSURE
THAT ALLIANCE CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR FORCES WILL CONTINUE TO
DETER THE WARSAW PACT AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST, RECOGNIZING
THAT WARSAW PACT FORCES CONTINUE TO IMPROVE. THEY AGREED THAT NATOS
CONTINUING CAPABILITY TO DETER THE WP CAN ONLY BE MAIN-
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